

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A display device for displaying, on a display screen, information specified in a document description language for a structured document, the information being displayed in a mode prescribed for the document description language, and performing a screen switching in response to a user input, said device comprising:

analysis means an analyzer for analyzing said operable to analyze the information, and dividing said operable to divide the information into a plurality of component elements;

rule change instruction means a rule change instruction part for making operable to make an instruction for a change of layout rules to be applied when displaying to said the information;

layout rule change means a layout rule change part containing a plurality of predetermined layout rules applicable to the document description language, said layout rule change part operable to select for selecting one of said the layout rules responding to the instruction from said rule change instruction means part;

layout means a layout part for laying operable to lay out each of said the component elements derived by said analysis means analyzer according to the layout rule selected by said layout rule change means part;

user input means a user input part for receiving operable to receive the user input;

display range determination means a display range determination part for determining operable to determine a display range of said the information based on said the user input; and

display means a display part for generating operable to generate screen data of the display range determined by said display range determination means part based on said the component elements derived by said analysis means analyzer and a layout result of each of said the

component elements, and displaying operable to display the screen data on the display screen.

2. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein said the information includes at least one or more of a text element, a table element, and an image element.
3. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein said the document description language is a markup language or a hypertext description language.
4. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein said rule change instruction means part receives the user input, and makes the instruction for the change of the layout rules.
5. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein said rule change instruction means part refers to the display range determined by said display range determination means part, and makes the instruction for the change of the layout rules based on an attribute of each of said the component elements included in the display range.
6. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein said rule change instruction means part refers to the display range determined by said display range determination means part, and makes the instruction for the change of the layout rules based on the layout result of each of said the component elements included in the display range.

7. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein each of said  
the layout rules included in said layout rule change means part defines a layout method for each  
type of said the component elements of said the information.

8. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the layout  
rules to be selected by said layout rule change means part include one type of layout rule for  
laying out a table element included in said the information in a table structure.

9. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 1, further comprising a  
user input process rule change means part containing a plurality of predetermined user input  
process rules applicable to said user input, said user input process rule change part operable to  
select for selecting one of [[a]] the plurality of user input process rules applicable to said user  
input according to the instruction from said rule change instruction means part, wherein  
said display range determination means part follows the user input process rule selected  
by said user input process rule change means part, and determines the display range of said the  
information based on said the user input.

10. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 9, wherein said rule  
change instruction means part instructs, at the same time, said layout rule change means part for  
the change of the layout rules, and said user input process rule change means part for the change  
of the user input process rules.

11. (Currently Amended) A display device for displaying, on a display screen, the information specified in a document description language for a structured document, the information being displayed in a mode prescribed for the document description language, and performing a screen switching in response to a user input, said device comprising:

~~analysis means an analyzer for analyzing said operable to analyze the information, and operable to divide the dividing said information into a plurality of component elements; a rule change instruction part operable to make an instruction for a change of rules to be applied when displaying the information;~~

~~layout means a layout part for laying operable to lay out each of said the component elements derived by said analysis means analyzer;~~

~~user input means a user input part for receiving operable to receive the user input; rule change instruction means for making an instruction for a change of user input process rules to be applied to said user input; user input process rule change means a user input process rule change part containing a plurality of user input process rules applicable to the user input, said user input process rule change part operable to select for selecting one of said the user input process rules according to the instruction from said rule change instruction means part;~~

~~display range determination means a display range determination part for following operable to follow the user input process rule selected by said user input process rule change means part, and operable to determine determining a display range of said the information based on said the user input; and~~

~~display means a display part for generating operable to generate screen data of the display range determined by said display range determination means part based on said the component elements derived by said analysis means analyzer and a layout result of each of said the component elements, and operable to display displaying the screen data on the display screen.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 11, wherein ~~said the~~ information includes at least one or more of a text element, a table element, and an image element

13. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 11, wherein ~~said the~~ document description language is a markup language or a hypertext description language.

14. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 11, wherein ~~said rule change instruction means part receives the user input, and makes the instruction for the change of the user input process rules.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 11, wherein ~~said rule change instruction means part refers to the display range determined by said display range determination means part, and makes the instruction for the change of the user input process rules based on an attribute of each of said the component elements included in the display range.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 11, wherein ~~said rule~~

change instruction ~~means part~~ refers to the display range determined by said display range determination ~~means part~~, and makes the instruction for the change of the user input process rules based on a result of each of ~~said~~ the component elements included in the display range.

17. (Currently Amended) The display device according to claim 11, wherein each of ~~said~~ the user input process rules included in said user input process rule change ~~means part~~ defines a process assigned to each type of ~~said~~ the user input.